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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: SECOND COMITE: INFORMAL DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON THE UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES

1. QUOTED BELOW AS PARA SIX OF THIS TELEGRAM IS
THE LATEST WORKING DRAFT OF A PROPOSED UNFPA RESOLUTION
WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED BY THE
PHILIPPINES PRIOR TO COB NOVEMBER 30.
2. USUN REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT DRAFT RES.
3. BACKGROUND: THE PRESENT DRAFT IS THE OUTGROWTH OF
INFORMAL FILIPINO (AMBASSADOR VERCELES) CONSULTATIONS
WITH THE WEO GROUP AFTER NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF THE WEO GROUP
(MOST ESPECIALLY SWEDEN, THE FRG, THE UK, NORWAY AND
CANADA) HAD EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION TO AN EARLIER
FILIPINO DRAFT WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE AUTONOMY
OF THE UNFPA FROM THE UNDP AND HAVE THE FUND'S EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR HEREAFTER BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL
FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM INSTEAD OF BY THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR
WITHOUT A SPECIFIED FIXED CONTRACT PERIOD. ESPECIALLY
IN VIEW OF UNDP'S RECENT PROBLEMS WITH FAO AND THE
GENERAL THRUST OF THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE, MOST MAJOR
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WESTERN DONORS TO UNDP (WHO ARE ALSO UNFPA'S MAJOR DONORS)

HAD CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS WITH THE ORIGINAL FILIPINO DRAFT. OBVIOUSLY SO DID UNDP ADMINISTRATOR MORSE AND OTHER UNDP SENIOR OFFICIALS.

4. FOR THE ABOVE REASONS AND FOLLOWING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS THAT HAD GENERALLY "CLEARED THE AIR", USUN COUNSELED THE VARIOUS CONCERNED PARTIES THAT THE BEST OUTCOME FOR ALL PARTIES WOULD BE TO HAVE NO RESOLUTION FORMALLY TABLED. UNFORTUNATELY AMBASSADOR REYES OF THE PHILIPPINES (ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR VERCELES OF THE PHILIPPINES) SEEMINGLY FOR FACE-SAVING PURPOSES, CONTINUED TO INSIST ON SOME SORT OF RESOLUTION BEING TABLED. VERCELES, AIMING FOR A CONSENSUS TEXT, THEN PROCEEDED TO WORK OUT WITH THE WEO GROUP THE BELOW QUOTED DRAFT RESOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: GIVEN THE PRESENT PRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON OTHER RESOLUTIONS, THE ABOVE BACKGROUND, AND THE US INTERESTS IN THE COHERENCE OF THE UN SYSTEM, IN UNDP, IN UNFPA, AND IN MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH OUR WEO ALLIES AND THE PHILIPPINES ON UN OPERATIONAL MATTERS, USUN RECOMMENDS: 1) WE NOT PUT FORWARD SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS TO SUBJECT RESOLUTION; AND 2) WE BE INSTRUCTED TO JOIN IN THE CONSENSUS APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.

6. GA,

RECALLING ITS RES 2211 (XXI) OF 17 DEC 1966
IN RESPONSE TO WHICH A TRUST FUND, SUBSEQUENTLY NAMED
UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES, WAS
ESTABLISHED IN 1967 BY SYG;

RECALLING FURTHER ITS RES 3019 (XXVII) WHICH, INTER ALIA,
DECIDED TO PLACE UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES
UNDER AUTHORITY OF GA AND WHICH ESTABLISHED RESPECTIVE
ROLES OF ECOSOC AND UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT UNFPA HAS BECOME A MOST
EFFECTIVE AND VIABLE ENTITY IN UN SYSTEM IN
POPULATION FIELD, UE IN PARTICULAR TO ITS INCREASED
RESOURCES, AND ITS ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
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1. WELCOMES REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FUND
ENTITLED "PRIORITIES IN FUTURE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES OF
UNFPA";

2. TAKE NOTE OF VIEWS EXPRESSED ON THIS MATTER AT
TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNDP AND
AT SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF ECOSOC;

3. ENDORSES FOLLOWING GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLIED
IN MAKING FUTURE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES:

(A) TO PROMOTE POPULATION ACTIVITIES PROPOSED IN INTERNATIONAL
STRATEGIES, PARTICULARLY WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION;

(B) TO MEET NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE
MOST URGENT NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN AREA OF POPULATION
ACTIVITIES, IN VIEW OF THEIR POPULATION PROBLEMS;

(C) TO RESPECT SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EACH NATION TO
FORMULATE, PROMOTE AND IMPLEMENT ITS OWN POPULATION POLICIES;

(D) TO PROMOTE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES' SELF-RELIANCE;

(E) TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MEETING NEEDS OF
DISADVANTAGED POPULATION GROUPS;

4. REQUESTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UN
FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES TO APPLY CRITERIA FOR
ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS MADE
IN HIS REPORT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DECISIONS MADE BY
GOVERNING COUNCIL IN THIS REGARD, AND IN CLOSE COOPERATION
WITH UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS CONCERNED, AS APPROPRIATE;

5. INVITES GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE AND INCREASE THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFPA IN VIEW OF RAPIDLY INCREASING NEEDS
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR POPULATION ASSISTANCE;

6. RECOMMENDS THAT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AS HEAD OF
FUND'S SECRETARIAT, FOR PURPOSES OF CONTINUITY OF THE
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PROGRAMME, NORMALLY BE APPOINTED FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM;

7. URGES CONTINUING FULL COLLABORATION AND CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFPA AND THE ADMINISTRATOR
OF UNDP, AS WELL AS BETWEEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE
HEADS OF OTHER ORGANS WITHIN UN SYSTEM IN
FIELD OF POPULATION.

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